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F. A. HAZLELAND, Police Magistrate, Hongkong, 1st July, 1902. 1394

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.

INFORMATION has been received from the MILITARY AUTHORITIES that gun practice will be carried out from the Belcher Batteries on the 11th instant, at targets in a North-Westerly and Westerly direction.

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STRAIGHT SHOTS IN THE NAVY.

By Arnold White.

Since the Japanese Alliance with Great Britain was published to the world European groups have formed closer alliances. France has drawn nearer to Russia, Germany to Italy and Austria. Japan cannot help England in the Channel or the Mediterranean. When the naval Armageddon comes it will be fought by Britain without European allies and in European waters. Victory will depend, not merely on the number and quality of the ships, but mainly on the straight shooting of their crews.

It is thus apparent that the whole future of the British Empire rests in the list resort upon the skill of our naval gunnery officers and blue-jackets. Taken as a whole, the prize-firing in the Navy is unsatisfactory. There are, it is true, brilliant exceptions. The *Scylla*, which was the best shooting ship in the Fleet in 1899, beat 135 men-of-war with her 6in. and 4.7 quick-firing guns. While the percentage of hits for the whole Fleet in 1899 was only 31.1, the *Scylla* attained a percentage of 46 with the 6in. gun, and of 80 with the 4.7. The best shot of the *Scylla* was Petty Officer Harvey. In 1900 and 1901 H.M.S. *Terrible*, under Captain Percy Scott, achieved the double distinction of becoming the best ship in the Fleet.

In the former year she competed against 176 ships; the figures for 1901 are not yet published. We know, however, that whereas the percentage of hits for the whole Fleet was 32.3, the *Terrible* in 1900 scored 60 per cent. of hits with her 9.2 quick-firing gun, and 77 per cent. 61 hits with her 6in. gun. This standard of good shooting was increased last year by the *Terrible* to 64 per cent. of hits with the 9.2 gun, and 80 per cent. of hits with the 6in. gun. Petty Officer W. Grounds actually placed eight shots on the target in one minute. Eight rounds were fired: two MISSES TO ONE HIT.

The public may well wonder why it is that the percentage of hits for the whole Fleet is only 32.3—that is to say, the Fleet as a whole, makes two misses for every hit, while the crew of the *Terrible* make a percentage of hits higher than two out of three. The public takes less interest in straight shooting at sea than in the Lincoln Handicap. The Earl of Selborne, speaking from his place in the House of Lords, used the words, 'Gunnery, gunnery, gunnery.' Excellent words but unless followed up by business and action the percentage of hits in the 'British Fleet' is not likely to improve.

The matter of straight shooting in the Navy must be looked at from different points of view. There is the view of the Admiralty, the view of the admiral, the view of the captain, the view of the gunnery officer, and the view of the crew. The Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty, on hearing of the high percentage of hits made by the crew of the *Terrible*, issued a memorandum expressing their appreciation of the high state of efficiency in that ship. Gunner Grounds, who is the best shot on the best ship in the straightest shooting squadron of the best fleet in the world, received from the nation and the Admiralty the praise contained in the memorandum issued by the Lords of the Admiralty. If their lordships, in addition to the issue of a memorandum, were to reward the best man behind the gun as the best rifle shot on shore is rewarded at Bisley, the percentage of hits in the Fleet would rise by leaps and bounds.

BAMFORD RED-TAPE. But the Admiralty and their spokesmen, the old admirals, are opposed to such new-fangled ideas as publicly rewarding and honouring the best shot in the Navy. It is accordingly necessary to appeal to the public. All Admiralty improvements have been the result of agitation outside, and if the shooting of the British Fleet is to be improved the nation must supply the engine power by rewarding the best shot in the Navy with a larger sum than 5s.—the remuneration, by the way, for one day's work by a yeomanry private, or about the amount of a Christmas box that would be given to a civil servant passing.

Intense interest is taken by the men of the lower deck in the subject of straight shooting, and they keenly appreciate expression of sympathy and recognition on the part of the public in their effort to become good shots. It is accordingly authority for stating that no better stimulus to healthy rivalry between ships of the Fleet in the matter of straight shooting could be given than by offering tempting rewards to the individuals, not to the ships, who achieve the highest percentage of hits. The plan, however, is an innovation, and inadvisable in the naval service is an axiom maintained by the officials. The vital question of straight shooting in the Navy has long been treated with levity by the Admiralty, and by many admirals in command of fleets.

Why is it that the percentage of hits on flagships is proverbially low? It is because prize-firing is a very painful operation, as anyone can tell who has gone through it. It splits the paint, it shakes the furniture, it rattles the chain, it gives one a headache, it gets on one's nerves. The consequence is that cases are known of admirals who are excellent in other respects, who manage to go on shore while the fleet is at sea, and who, for this reason, why the gunners in the Navy only manage to lift the gun out of three rounds. The next reason, and perhaps the more important, is that of bad shooting in the Navy. It is the fact that captains, officers, and crews are rewarded for bright gunnery, for clean point, and for enamel on the

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clean and pneumatic pipes, the latter being bought at the cost of the commander and first lieutenant; and for 'spit and polish' generally, which is the admiration of the lower deck. What is required is the cording, is insistence on the part of the public. That the Navy, unlike the Army, shall exist solely for war, and that anything interfering with warlike efficiency either of ships or men shall be sternly put away.

SOME SHARP SHOTS.
The so-called sharpness which is attained by gold leaf and paint is positively injurious to straight shooting. When, therefore, admirals command wealthy officers for the amount of gold leaf and paint that they have purchased out of their private resources the heart is taken out of officers and crews who are desirous of achieving the distinction of belonging to the best shooting ship in the fleet. Captain Percy Scott's efforts to develop the shooting efficiency of the crew of the *Terrible* amount to genius. That he has sacrificed nothing in the general efficiency of the ship is shown by the last report of the inspecting admiral.

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Old, glitter, and uniform occupy too much of the attention of Admiralty officials. If Lord Selborne is serious in desiring to see better shooting in the Fleet, it is quite possible to achieve success. The Lords of the Admiralty should require every admiral in command afloat to insist on increased efficiency in gunnery, and for that purpose the Admiralty should issue the most stringent orders making it plain to all enquiring commanders and lieutenants that while cleanliness must be preserved, the superlatives and luxuries of ornamentation must cease forthwith, and that promotion will depend on proficiency in gunnery and not on the outlay of private funds for the adornment of the ship, for gilding of stanchions, or the enamelling of pipes.

A BLUEJACKET BUSY.

In addition to this, considerable rewards should be given to the best shot in the Fleet. Soldiers may compete at Bisley. Why should bluejackets be excluded from rewards that appeal to human nature? Bluejackets are miserably paid, as no

much of their wages is spent in food. Money, therefore, naturally appeals to the married bluejacket far more than to most classes in the community, not because he is greedy, but because he is hurriedly poor. Another point that would greatly improve the gunnery of the ships is to make the commander responsible as executive officer for gunnery as for everything else. Under the present system the gunnery officer reports direct to the Captain. The consequence is there is often friction between the commander and the gunnery officer. If the commander were made responsible he would take greater interest in the ship's percentage of hits, and seeing that he is responsible for the discipline of the ship and for the supply of all working parts required by the gunnery officer it is important to enlist the sympathetic interest of commanders in gunnery practices.

White Island, the Cambridge, and Sheerness Gunnery School are the only places where gunnery stands before all else. In future all sea-going ships must be schools of gunnery, and the percentage of hits should be raised at least 10 per cent. within a year. How can this be done? First, by public interest in the subject; secondly, by rewards to the men and promotion to the officers; and thirdly, by complete revolution in the Admiralty methods of recording naval successes—consisting of gold leaf, bright paint, and polished brass work. I am of opinion that the name of *Grassroots* as the best shot of 1901 ought to be as well known in the British Empire as the Derby winner. I should like to see a sum of £200 annually presented to the best shot of the best ship in the Navy. The institution of a Naval Disley might prevent the occurrence of a naval Sudan.—*Daily Express*.

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MEMOS. FOR MONDAY.

Meeting.
Noncon.—Extraordinary Meeting of Wat-
kins, Limited, at the Company's Office,
No. 46, Queen's Road Central.

Miscellaneous.
Good per Glenroy, not cleared on this
date subject to rent.

Good per Pekin, not cleared at 4 p.m.
on this date subject to rent.

Goods per *Thuthura* undelivered after
this date subject to rent.

General Memoranda.

TUESDAY, July 8.—
12.30 p.m.—Meeting of Shareholders of
The Hongkong Electric Co., Ltd., at
the Company's Office.

MONDAY, July 21.—
3 p.m.—Auction of Valuable Leasehold
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1817.

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J. R. CRAIK, of a Daughter.

The publication of this issue commenced
on 4.4.1902.

The China Mail.

HONGKONG, SATURDAY, JULY 5, 1902.

In view of what has already been re-
completed in the practical adaptation
of crude rock oil to replace coal in mer-
chant steamers, warships and land
boilers, it may be of interest to a large
section of our readers to glance at the
progress already made in the use of
crude oil since Sir Marcus Samuel
started his scheme of supplying the
public with crude oil as a steam
raiser on board ship. Sir Marcus
has the courage of his opinion,
and is adapting the whole of the
'Shell' line to burn crude oil. The
Shell liner *Murex* has actually steamed
from Singapore to London, via the
Cape, something like 11,800 miles, on a
consumption of 769 tons of oil, with
an average speed of 9.7 knots, or (say)
15 tons of oil per day for the main en-
gines. The equivalent consumption of
Welsh coal would have been 1200 tons,
or with Japanese coal 1700 tons. Ship-
owners and merchants can estimate the
difference in price between coal and oil
under these conditions and draw their
own conclusions. In addition to this,
consideration must be given to the re-
duction in engine-room staff. The *Murex*
was worked from Singapore with three
firemen only. In vessels of moderate
tonnage in the Far Eastern trade burn-
ing coal, the usual staff consists of nine
firemen and three greasers. In the
Murex, then, a saving to the extent of
two-thirds is effected in the wages bill,
a very considerable item in the running
expenses of a local coasting steamer.
But this is not the only point in favour
of oil fuel. It is a more convenient
and more expeditious to handle
than coal. 360 tons of oil have been
put on board a Hamburg-America
liner in two hours at Singapore. The
process of discharging oil steamers
may be seen at the Oil Depot at Sam-
shui, and once seen its advantages
will be recognised. An attempt has
been made to discredit Borneo oil as be-
ing dangerous through its being mixed
with water. We notice that Sir Mar-
cus Samuel announces that this difficulty
has been completely overcome, and that
Borneo oil is now quite free from water,
and has absolutely no disadvantage as a fuel.

The latest improvement in burning
oil fuel is the substitution of compressed
air for steam for spraying purposes.
This obviates one great objection to its
use—the using up of a large quantity
of fresh water. The new arrangements
are simple and effective. There is, first,
of all, an air tank situated above the
main engine, and in this tank a pres-
sure of 20 lbs. per square inch is main-
tained. This carries air to the jet on
the furnace front. There is, next, the
oil pump, with an air tank which holds
an air cushion to break the pulsations
of the pump. The feed pipes have an
overflow to main supply tank and a
spring valve set to 10 lbs. per square inch
to relieve any undue pressure. The air
is heated in a receiver, through which
the exhaust steam from the pump is
made to pass in pipes leading to con-
denser or atmosphere. There is a water
drain cock in the bottom of this receiver,
to remove any water there might be
in the oil before it reached the furnace
jets. There is an automatic shut-off be-
tween jet and receiver for the oil when
the air compressor is stopped. There is
also an arrangement for using live steam
in case of accident to the air apparatus.
The usual arrangements of supplemen-
tary tanks to guard against water get-
ting mixed with the oil can be fitted as
desired.

Looking to what is being done in
England, America and on the Continent
of Europe, it would appear that oil fuel
has come to stay, and that its very gen-
eral adoption is simply a question of
time. By order of the Russian Admir-
alty, liquid fuel is to be used on Russian
warships, and all new vessels being built
for the Russian navy will be fitted with
appliances for this class of fuel. The
German warships in the Far East are
said to be using liquid fuel to great ad-
vantage. The French are also adopting
it, and spending large sums on experi-
ments. The Americans are pushing
liquid fuel in their naval practical style
and about 44 steamers burning oil sail
out of San Francisco. In that city,

upwards of 150 permits to use oil
fuel are held by industrial firms.
America commands an almost unlimited
supply of oil fuel, and one does not
require to be exceedingly 'cute to see
the advantage of using oil fuel instead
of coal when, by using the oil won in
the State of California, instead of
2,000,000 tons of imported coal, a sum
of \$12,600,000 gold may be retained in
the State. Very practical regulations
have been issued for the handling of oil
on the water front at San Francisco,
and in the United States of North
America there is upwards of 35,000
miles of pipe lines for the distribution
of the commodity, whereas Russia, with
about a hundredth part of her valuable
oil fields developed, has only about 200
miles of pipe lines.

It would appear that liquid fuel
possesses the following advantages:—
Rapidity of raising steam and maintain-
ing pressure to any desired point, saving
in labour, cleanliness, longer life of
boilers, no smoke, economy of time and
expense in handling as compared with
coal; economy of space, which can be
utilised for cargo; oil, pound for pound,
produces twice as much power as coal
and occupies less space, ton for ton, so that
a steamer using oil fuel nearly doubles
her radius of action as compared with a
coal-burning steamer. In warships,
the oil supply would be well under the
water line and clear of shells. The
advantages seem to outweigh any disad-
vantages that may be urged. The
considerations urged against liquid fuel
are—the impossibility, at first, of raising
steam without smoke, first cost, lack of
guarantee of supplies at ports of call.
These are all in process of being re-
medied, and once the prejudice of con-
servative objectors is overcome we may
expect to see a great revolution in
storage, handling and the use of this
combustible and its rapid substitution
for coal. Numbers of vessels to burn
liquid fuel are being built, and doubtless
there will be improvements in boilers
resulting in reduced consumption of oil.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

The Public Works Staff.
It is notified in the *Gazette* that Mr J.
F. Boulton, A.M.I.C.E., has been ap-
pointed Acting Assistant Director of Public
Works until further notice.

Fire Alarm.
The Club Lusitana raised the alarm of
fire last night, a quantity of shavings, etc.,
having become ignited in a house in course
of construction at No. 9, Old Bailey. The
brigade turned out and the flames were
promptly got under, the damage being
trifling.

Golf.
In the Open Golf Championship, de-
tails of which were given yesterday, the
Amateur Champion, Mr S. H. Fry, was
fourteenth in order of merit, the only two
amateurs beating him being Mr R. Max-
well, who was fourth, and Mr H. H. Hil-
ton, who was sixth. Mr John Ball, jun.,
took one stroke more than Mr Fry.

A Siamese Official.
The *Rangoon Times* of the 25th June
says:—Mr C. Schlessor, Legal Advisor to
the Government, who leaves to-morrow
for Europe, was yesterday formally pre-
sented with an address enclosed in a cashet,
a silver cigar box and other articles,
as a token of the high regard in which he
is held by the Judges and officials of the
Ministry of Justice. The valuable work he
has done in Siam, is universally recognised.
An able lawyer and a conscientious, hard-
working official, he has made his mark in
Siam, and his retirement is no small loss to
the Ministry of Justice. His Majesty
received Mr Schlessor in audience on Mon-
day, and presented him with the 3rd Class
of the Order of the White Elephant. H. B.
E. the Minister of Justice gave a farewell
dinner in his honour this evening.

The King's Love.
Among those presented to His Majesty
the King at his levee on the 2nd June
were:—

Major R. W. H. Du Boulay, R.G.A., on
promotion and return from active service,
by the Adjutant General.
The Earl of Donoughmore (formerly
Viscount Sarsfield), on succession to the
title, by the Marquess of Lansdowne.
Capt. J. R. Ganssen, D.S.O., 3rd Bengal
Cavalry, on return from active service in
China, by the Secretary of State.
Lieut. E. J. Headlam, Royal Indian
Marine, on return from active service in
China, by the Secretary of State.
Capt. Chas. H. Harrington, R.N.R. Com-
mander, by the Under-Secretary of State.
Lieut. Hector Watt Jones, R.N., by
the Secretary of State.
Mr David S. Sassoon, by Mr Reuben
Sassoon.
2nd Lieut. H. Grant Smith, East York-
shire Regiment, on return from active ser-
vice in China and South Africa, by the
Adjutant General.
Mr H. S. Wilkinson, on appointment as
Chief Justice of H. M. Supreme Court of
China and Corea, by the Secretary of State.

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Notes by the Way.

Black Bishop's Chess Column is held
over till next week.

The French Mail of the 2nd June,
was delivered in London on the 3rd July.

The Commissioner of Weihaiwei wired
 hearty congratulations on news of Peace
to the Colonial Office.

Owners and occupiers are reminded
that payment of rates for the third quarter
are due in advance on or before the 31st
inst.

Rules, under the Copyright Ordinance,
with special reference to paintings, draw-
ings and photographs, are published in the
Gazette.

Dies bearing the King's Head have
been indented for the Volunteer Long
Service Medal and Native Army Long
Service and Meritorious Service Medals.

The report for the year 1901 on the
Botanical and Afforestation Department of
Hongkong is published in the *Gazette* and
will be referred to in our Monday's issue.

Mr C. McI. Messer has been appointed
a member of the Governing Body of
Queen's College, during the absence on
leave of Mr E. A. Irving, Inspector of
Schools.

The Ordinance to consolidate and
amend the laws relating to Public Health
and Buildings will be brought forward at
Monday's meeting of the Legislative Coun-
cil for first reading.

Thirty-nine junk owners were fined
\$5 to-day for anchoring too near the Praya
wall. This is a nuisance which, we are glad
to see, the Police are making a special
effort to put a stop to.

The French Foreign Legion (the Devil's
Own) are now wearing field-service caps
patterned after those in use by British
troops; it is stated that they will shortly be
supplied to the entire French Army.

A Chinese woman from Kowloon was
charged to-day with attempting to hang
herself, but, on promising not to attempt
anything of the kind again, she was allowed
to go on signing a bond for her future
good behaviour.

Admiral de Richelieu (of the Siamese
Navy) having received from the Emperor of
Austria the 1st Class of the Order of Fran-
cis-Joseph, and Capt. de Richelieu the 3rd
Class of the same Order, it is announced in
the *Gazette* that they have the King's per-
mission to wear these Orders.

We notice from the transactions of the
Royal Colonial Institute that the late Mr
David Gillies was present at a meeting of
the members held in London on the 13th
May to hear a description of the Royal
Tour by the Rev. Canon Dalton, M.A.,
C.V.O., C.M.G., who accompanied the
Prince and Princess of Wales in their re-
cent tour.

The Cost of the War.
The Chancellor of the Exchequer, in
introducing the Budget for the current
year, stated that the total cost of the war
up to the end of the financial year, March
31, 1902, had been £169,374,000, made up
as follows:—

Interest on War Debt..... £4,967,000
Army, &c..... £154,407,000
To this total must be added a sum of
about £10,000,000 for the cost of the opera-
tions since April 1, making the total cost
of the war down to the proclamation of
peace about £170,000,000. It has to
be remembered, however, that the conclu-
sion of peace by no means brings to an end
the cost entailed by the war.

Water Tube Boilers.

It is the House of Lords on the 3rd ult.,
the Earl of Balfour made a long and in-
teresting statement on the subject of water-
tube boilers and the comparative merits of
various types of boilers. He defended the
course taken by the Admiralty, first in
adopting the Belleville boiler, and next in
adopting a combination of cylindrical and
water-tube boilers. In the course of his
speech he referred to the China Station in
the following terms:—There are 12 ships
on the China Station with water-tube
boilers, four of them battleships and the
others large and small cruisers. I have been
reading only to-day a private letter from the
Inspector of Machinery at Hongkong, and
he speaks in the highest terms of the
machinery of all of them with the exception
of the *Gloria*, which, though it has given a
good deal of trouble, is now absolutely
efficient. But that again was a case of mis-
management on the part of the personnel.
Therefore, as a humble layman, and not
making any pretence to expert knowledge,
I say that my judgment goes with the
judgment of the Boiler Committee—that so
far as we can see at present the water-tube
principle has come to stay, and that al-
though the Belleville may probably not be
the type which will suit our needs the best,
yet we shall work up to a thoroughly sa-
tisfactory standard of water-tube boiler,
just as we did work up to a thoroughly
satisfactory standard of cylindrical boiler.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

Food Analysis.

Twelve samples of bread, beer, gin,
milk and whisky were examined by the
public analyst in Hongkong during June,
and all, with the exception of one out of four
samples of milk, were found to be genuine.

Grass Fires.

There were 41 grass fires in Hongkong
during the past year, which resulted in the
destruction of 12,174 trees. The largest
fires took place on Mount Kellet and Little
Hongkong, at which 3,100 and 3,100 trees
were destroyed.

The 'Emeralda.'

Captain J. Kynoch, who was formerly
in command of the steamer *Murex* and
latterly chief officer of the old blue-funnel
steamer *Telenachia*, has taken command of the
Emeralda, lately sold and now trading
between Java, Singapore and here.

Mosquito Malaria.

A letter from the Crown Agents with
reference to wire gauze and Mosquito
netting is published in the *Gazette*, also an
enclosure in the form of a short report
on the results of various tests made with
various wire gauzes in connection with the
Mosquito-Malaria Theory.

The Fireworks.

The preparations for the Coronation display
of fireworks were demolished to-day, the
fireworks, in view of the Coronation, having
been returned to the makers. We note
that most of the scaffolding erected for the
decoration of public buildings and offices
are still allowed to remain.

Rainfall.

During the month of June, 16.440
inches of rain fell in Hongkong, the
heaviest fall occurring on the 12th when
6.635 inches fell. Rain fell on twenty out
of the thirty days, and there was 99 per
cent. of cloudiness. The highest wind
velocity was 28.3 miles per hour; the aver-
age for the month being 14.5 miles. The
mean temperature was 80.3, but one day it
was up to 89.1.

The Cargo of the Ajax.

Last night, Messrs. Butterfield and
Swire advised us as follows:—
"We are in receipt of a cable advising
the departure of the *Ping Suey* from Suva
on 2nd inst. This steamer brings forward
the undamaged portion of the cargo as s.s.
Ajax. The *Ajax* will be remembered,
touched a rock in the Red Sea and put
back to Suva to ascertain the damage sus-
tained."

Costly Gowns.

Society in New York is discussing the
costly gowns which American women will
wear in England during the Coronation,
says a home paper. "Elores will be made
to out-dazzle each other and the English."
It is understood that Mrs. Whitehead Reid
has been particularly lavish, and that she
will completely eclipse those of the Ambas-
sadorial entourage. Mrs. Douglas Robin-
son, sister of Mrs. Roosevelt, who is now
in London, is said to have taken with her
the most costly finery. It is reported that
Mrs. Reid's costume for the Coronation day
cost £100, and the other ladies have paid
almost as much for theirs. The money
for these dresses comes from the pockets of
the wearers.—If the last word of the last
sentence were altered to "workers," the
general sense of the line would be more
intelligible.

New Blue Funnel Steamers.

The steamer *Telenachia* recently pre-
sented down Belfast Lough for her trial
trip and adjustment of compasses. She is
the latest addition to the fleet of China
liners owned by Mr Alfred Holt, of Liver-
pool, has been built and owned by Messrs
Workman, Clark and Co. (Limited), and
is the twelfth vessel constructed by them
for the same owner. She is 432 ft. long,
34 ft. broad, and 26 ft. 3 in. in depth, and
has a gross tonnage of 7,460 tons. She has
been specially designed and constructed as
a first-class general cargo steamer for the
China trade, and fulfils the requirements
for a Board of Trade passenger certificate.
The double bottom is of cellular construc-
tion for carrying water ballast, two large
deep tanks being also arranged at the
forward and after ends of the engine
and boiler space, suitable for
either water ballast or cargo. There
are four large holds for the cargo, practi-
cally clear of obstruction, and obtained
by box girder construction, by which the
stanchions are dispensed with. The six
large hatches are equipped with 17 power-
ful steam winches, and 25 strong derricks.
A special feature of the vessel is the stern-
post and rudder. The foot of the stern-
post is cut away, and the upper part form-
ed of a steel plate of U section. The stern-
post is formed of a wrought-steel tube, from
which the rudder is hung. After a success-
ful trial trip the vessel left Belfast for
Glasgow and Liverpool, whence she has left
on her maiden voyage to the Straits, China,
and Japan. Another new steamer, named
Jason, a repeat of the above vessel, also
built by Messrs Workman, Clark and Co.,
was launched on 24th ult. from the Belfast
shipyard, and makes the thirteenth con-
struction for the same owner in these works.

Is honesty one of our dominating traits?
Let a man find a lost 10-cent piece—and
what is the first thought that flashes
through his mind?

TELEGRAMS.

[REUTERS' SERVICES.]

THE KING'S PROGRESS.

London, July 3, 1902.

This morning's bulletin says that His
Majesty has slept well, and that nothing has
occurred to mar the excellent progress he
is now making.

COLONIALS TO BE PARADED.

In view of the improvement in His
Majesty's health, it is proposed to organize
a parade of the Colonial forces on a suf-
ficient scale to admit of a large number of
the public witnessing the ceremony.

**THE SOUTH AFRICAN RAIL-
WAYS.**

The railways in the Transvaal and Orange
River Colony have been handed over to the
civil authorities.

**DEPARTURE OF PRINCE
KOMATSU.**

Prince Komatsu and his entire suite have
had a farewell audience with Queen Alex-
andra. Throughout the Prince's visit, it is
noted that he has been conspicuously
honoured.

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY.

The differences between the Austrian and
Hungarian Ministers have become so acute
that the Emperor has had to personally
intervene. He yesterday presided for a
prolonged joint Council, and insisted on a
reconciliation and resumption of negotia-
tions for the renewal of the Ausgleich and
revision of the joint customs tariff.

THE KING'S PROGRESS.

This evening's bulletin states that His
Majesty has passed a comfortable day, and
that his general condition is further im-
proved. The wound now gives him com-
paratively little pain.

**PRINCE KOMATSU'S
DEPARTURE.**

Prince Komatsu has left London for
Paris, after which he proposes to visit
Spain.

Sir O. P. Chatter.

The following telegram has been re-
ceived by Mr H. N. Mody from Sir C. P.
Chatter, Kt., C.M.G., in acknowledgment of
a telegram sent by his Hongkong friends
upon receipt of the information of the
latest honour conferred upon him:—
"Express to all good friends hearty
thanks for congratulations.—CHATTER."

Rainfall.

The following table gives the monthly
rainfall at the Observatory to the end of
June, with the means and extremes for 18
years:—

	1902	1884-1901
January	0.29	Mean 1.32, Max. 4.00, Min. 0.00
February	0.02	Mean 2.06, Max. 7.93, Min. 0.02
March	0.48	Mean 2.75, Max. 10.43, Min. 0.17
April	1.84	Mean 6

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